1. The Crime and Misconduct Commission report on the public nuisance offence, *Policing Public Order: A review of the public nuisance offence* was tabled in Parliament on 23 May 2008.
2. The report concluded that the new public nuisance offence did not appear to have a significant impact on public nuisance offending or on the police and courts response to it. The report also found that marginalised groups were over-represented, but that this overrepresentation had not been amplified since the introduction of the new offence. The report concluded that, on balance, Queensland’s public nuisance laws were being used fairly and effectively, in the sense that police were taking action to respond to messages being sent by the broader community.
3. The Report made five recommendations, three of which are to be implemented through legislative means.
4. The proposed amendments include:
* creating a separate offence of ‘public urination’;
* introducing infringement notices as a further option available to police to deal with public nuisance behaviour; and
* creating a trial of on-the-spot fines (ticketing) for offences of public nuisance and public urination, to be conducted in the Townsville and South Brisbane Police Districts.
1. Minor amendments to the *Environmental Protection Act 1994* are proposed to retain the current acoustic quality compliance levels for special events at Suncorp Stadium.
2. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Summary Offences and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2008 into the Legislative Assembly.
3. Cabinet noted that amendments to the *State Penalties Enforcement Regulation 2000* to support the Bill will be progressed as subordinate legislation.
4. *Attachments*
* [Crime and Misconduct Commission report *Policing Public Order: A review of the public nuisance offence*](Attachments/5208T3542.pdf)
* [Summary Offences and Other Acts Amendment Bill 2008](Attachments/SummaryOOAAB08.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/SummaryOOAAB08Exp.pdf)